

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-10 and 21-24.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-16 (canceled)

Claim 17 (original): A chemical mechanical polishing system, comprising:

- a platen for coupling a polishing pad thereto, the platen having a first surface comprising a generally circular center portion and an annular portion surrounding the generally circular center portion;

- the generally circular center portion enclosing an area and having a first attachment surface area that is between approximately 30% and 70% of the area enclosed by the generally circular center portion, the first attachment surface area adapted to couple an inner portion of the polishing pad to the platen;

- the generally circular center portion having a first fluoropolymer coating disposed outwardly therefrom, the first fluoropolymer coating having a low surface wetting coefficient;

- the annular portion having a second attachment surface area adapted to couple an outer portion of the polishing pad to the platen, the annular portion having a width between approximately one-half inch and approximately one inch;

- the annular portion having a second fluoropolymer coating disposed outwardly therefrom, the second fluoropolymer coating having a high surface wetting coefficient; and

- wherein the first and second fluoropolymer coatings each have a thickness of between approximately ten mils and approximately twenty mils.

Claim 18 (original): The system of Claim 17, wherein the generally circular center portion is defined by a plurality of grooves formed in the first surface, a configuration of the grooves selected from the group consisting of parallel, hatched, criss-crossed, concentric, spiral, and random.

Claim 19 (original): The system of Claim 17, wherein a depth of grooves is approximately fifteen to twenty mils, a width of grooves is approximately one millimeter, and a centerline spacing between grooves is approximately one millimeter.

Claim 20 (original): The system of Claim 17, wherein the generally circular center portion is defined by a textured surface selected from the group consisting of a dimpled surface and a brushed surface.

Claims 21-24 (canceled)

Claim 25 (previously presented): The system of claim 17, wherein the first fluoropolymer coating is chemically resistant to the liquid slurry.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The system of claim 17, wherein the second fluoropolymer coating is chemically resistant to the liquid slurry.